

Westfield City Council Sept 9, 2013

The Westfield City Council met Monday Sept 9, 2013 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present Council President, Jim Ake, Bob Horkay, Steve Hoover, Bob Smith, Cindy Spoljaric and Rob Stokes. Also present were Deputy Clerk Bev Rawlings on behalf of Clerk Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger.

President Ake called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Bob Smith made a motion to approve Aug 12th, 2013 minutes as amended. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-5; Abstain-1 (Cindy Spoljaric). Motion carries.

Guest:

Sharon J. Williams expressed concerns about the resale value of her property and the well problems that she and several other surrounding properties are experiencing.

Claims:

Rob Stokes made a motion to approve the claims with the exception of the Motz claim. This claim is on hold pending the appropriate fund and due dates decided upon. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0. Motion carries.

Miscellaneous Business/Special Presentation

Special Presentation: Proclamation-Youth Soccer Month

Mayor Cook recognized Don Rawson, Director of Business Development & Operations for the Indiana Soccer Association.

Special Presentation: Westfield Youth Assistance Week

Mayor Cook presented Christine Brown, Case Worker for the Westfield Youth Assistance Program, with a Proclamation Claiming the week of October 5-12 Youth Assistance Week.

Miscellaneous business: Chamber of Commerce Update

Eric Lohe presented the Council with an update of the Chamber of Commerce stating that there are a number of new business members and several upcoming events. He also told about the Lantern Awards Dinner and the Award winners.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ordinance 13-23: Amendment to the Traffic Regulation Ordinance

Introduction – September 9, 2013

Adoption Consideration – October 14, 2013

Brian Zaiger presented the Amendment to the Council stating this is an amendment to Ordinance 13-19, changing a few areas. It was stated a survey was done concerning areas in question. Comments included the inconsistency of speed coming into the borders of Westfield. This will be back in front of the Council in October for adoption consideration.

2014 Animal Control Agreement

Adoption Consideration – Sept. 9, 2013

Todd Burtron presented the Agreement with the Hamilton County Humane Society explaining that the cost for this service is well below what it would cost the City if they were to take this job on themselves.

Motion to approve the Agreement as written was made by Bob Smith, Steve Hoover seconded.

Vote: Yes-6; No-0 motion carries.

2014 Budget

Introduction-September 9, 2013

Public Hearing-October 14, 2013

Adoption consideration- October 28, 2013

Todd Burtron also introduced the 2014 Budget. Rob Stokes expressed his wishes to review the budget in its entirety. Cindy Spoljaric expressed her concerns on the Public Safety aspect . One of the concerns, **being the amount of police officers during the opening of Grand Park.**

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Cindy Spoljaric announced Voices of the Past coming up on

Jim Ake offered congratulations to the Westfield Football Team in the hard fought battle in the triple overtime game at Lucas Oil Stadium.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

The Mayor added that the Budget is a complicated project and expressed his concerns

Steve Hoover made a motion to adjourn. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer

President